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RE: Response to 2/9/04 Office Action

Please see attached letter response, drawing correction, revised claims.

Please also note that a 30 day extension request and fee was filed/paid.

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Art Unit: 2645 Applicant: BROWN ET AL.

Examiner: Allan Hoosain

Response to February 9, 2004 Office Action

Response dated June 6, 2004

Attention: Allan Hoosain, Primary Examiner

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Thank you for the office action dated February 9, 2004. Below and attached are the responses. I am a layman so please be patient. Thank you, in advance.

I would like to respond to your Detailed Action using the same paragraph numbers that you used:

1. See attached proposed drawing corrections for the examiner's review.
3. Claim 20 is hereby withdrawn.
5. The phrase beginning with "for example" regarding claims 1-19 has been removed.
6. The phrase "a generally represented by Figure 1" regarding claims 1 and 6, has been removed.
7. The phrase "a generally represented by Figure 2" regarding claims 11 and 15, has been removed.
8. The phrase "a generally represented by Figure 1" regarding claims 2-4 and 7-9, has been removed.
9. The phrase "a generally represented by Figure 2" regarding claims 12-13 and 16-17 has been removed.

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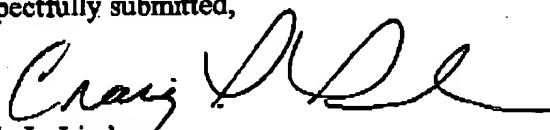
10. The phrase "displays (visually, print, and/or by voice, etc.) the message, etc. as generally represented by Fig. 1" regarding claims 5 and 10 has been removed.
11. The phrase "displays (visually, print, and/or by voice, etc.) the message, etc. as generally represented by Fig. 2" regarding claims 5 and 10 has been removed.
12. The phrase "such as" regarding claim 19 has been removed.
13. The phrase "computers, etc.," regarding claim 19 has been removed.
14. Claim 20 has been withdrawn.
15. Help for re-writing claim 19 is hereby requested, claim 20 has been withdrawn.
17. Help for re-writing remaining appropriate claims is hereby requested to cover alert devices not protected by prior art such as Pepe et al., Homan et al., Smith et al. and Gifford et al.
18. The applicant understands that the prior art cited by the examiner is about communication unification/internetworking, etc. Therefore, the non-device-based claim 20 in the present application is withdrawn. Inventor requests assistance in claim construction for rewriting or writing proper claims to avoid the noted rejections. Inventor continues to believe that the prior art does not teach purpose-built message alert devices that may be distributed in a home/office or integrated into other equipment. It seems that the prior art system communication unification type patents give examples of common communication devices such as PDAs, fax

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machines, laptops, cell phones, etc. These same patents do not seem to envision limited purpose-designed alert devices, which are the subject of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


Craig L. Linden

June 6, 2004